

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

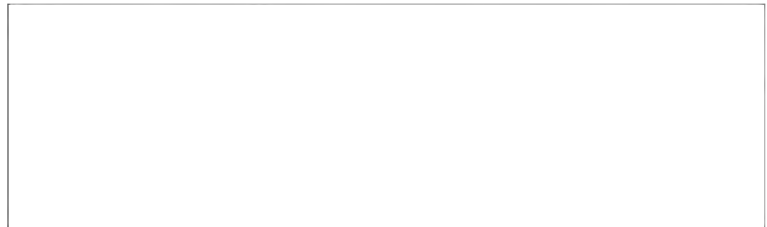
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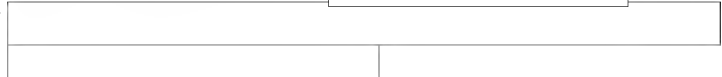
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1. Laos

a. The Military Revolutionary Committee is meeting with Souvanna this morning to urge him to act now to reform the government and army. 50X1



c. As a first step, the generals want Souvanna to recall his entire cabinet to Vientiane. In fact, even before meeting with him, they announced that Souvanna would do this.



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They reason that if the left-wing boycotts the meeting, this will open the way for new cabinet appointments without destroying the continuity of the government.

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e. Phoumi [] will try to curb any rash action by the coup group which might destroy the fabric of the Geneva agreements, and some members of the coup group, as well as Souvanna, are looking to him as a moderating influence.

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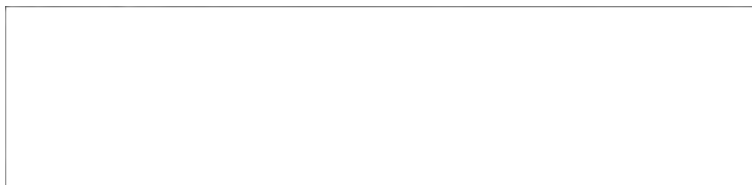
f. His ability to exert pressure is limited, however. He still controls the purse strings as finance minister, but he commands little military support in Vientiane and the impetuous Siho is no longer in his grasp.

2. Cyprus

a. Greek Cypriots are apparently preparing for a final assault on Turkish Cypriot positions in the Kyrenia pass area.

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b. If they succeed, they will cut the Turkish regiment's access to the sea and will make it almost impossible for the regiment to assist any Turkish landing in that area.



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3. Zanzibar

a. It is too early to say that the situation has been wrapped up.

b. The Zanzibar regime has yet to announce formally its approval of the articles of union, and Babu may be attempting to water down the terms.

c. He has returned to Zanzibar proclaiming his support for the union, but the US consul believes that he and his followers will make every effort to block implementation.

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d. Nyerere and Kambona believe that some of Babu's followers are willing to fight and are being urged to do so by the Chinese.

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f. Kambona told the US ambassador in Dar-es-Salaam that he would take up the British offer for troops in the first "four or five hours" if fighting broke out in Zanzibar.

g. The first contingent of an Ethiopian air transport wing has arrived in Dar-es-Salaam to replace the British who were moved out in January. This will give the Tanganyikans an airlift capability they have lacked since that time.

4. Egypt-Yemen

a. The dominant theme of Nasir's speechmaking in Yemen has been that the British must be forced out of Aden and that all Arabs should join in this holy cause. This bluster has not been followed by significant redeployment of Egyptian troops in Yemen toward Aden.

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b. The US Embassy in Cairo feels that the primary purpose of Nasir's visit is to bolster the morale of Egyptian troops and Yemeni republicans.

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A. Brazil-Cuba [redacted]
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[redacted] a break in relations
with Cuba [redacted]
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B. France-Cuba The French Government has approved a three-year credit guarantee to Cuba for the sale of 30 locomotives costing \$6 million. In justification, [redacted] the locomotive firm is operating below capacity and laying off workers in an area where the government is politically weak. Also, France was influenced by the fact that the British had made a similar offer.

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C. Malaysia Rahman's Alliance Party, running on a "to hell with Sukarno" platform, picked up an additional 15 seats in the Malayan elections this weekend. By latest count, it controls at least 89 of Parliament's 104 seats.